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United Nations Declaration on Human Cloning

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 53/152 of 9 December 1998, by which it endorsed the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights,[1]

Approves the Declaration on Human Cloning, annexed to the present resolution.

Annex
United Nations Declaration on Human Cloning

The General Assembly,

Guided by the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights, adopted by the General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on 11 November 1997, and in particular article 11 thereof, which states that practices which are contrary to human dignity, such as the reproductive cloning of human beings, shall not be permitted,

Recalling also its resolution 53/152 of December 1998, by which it endorsed the Universal Declaration on the Human Genome and Human Rights,

Aware of the ethical concerns that certain applications of rapidly developing life science may raise with regard to human dignity, human rights and the fundamental freedoms of individuals,

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[1] *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Records of the General Conference, Twenty-ninth Session*, vol. I, *Resolutions*, resolution 16.

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Reaffirming that the applications of life science should seek to offer relief from suffering and improve the health of individuals and humankind as a whole,

Emphasizing that the promotion of scientific and technical progress in life science should be sought in a manner that safeguards respect for human rights and the benefit of all,

Mindful of the serious medical, physical, psychological and social dangers that human cloning may imply for the individuals involved, and also conscious of the need to ensure that human cloning does not give rise to the exploitation of women,

Convinced of the urgency of preventing the potential dangers of human cloning to human dignity,

Solemnly declares the following:

(a) Member States are called upon to prohibit any attempts to create human life through cloning processes and any research intended to achieve that aim;

(b) Member States are called upon to ensure that, in the application of life science, human dignity is respected in all circumstances and, in particular, that women are not exploited;

(c) Member States are also called upon to adopt and implement national legislation to bring into effect paragraphs (a) and (b) above;

(d) Member States are further called upon to adopt the measures necessary to prohibit applications of genetic engineering techniques that may be contrary to human dignity.